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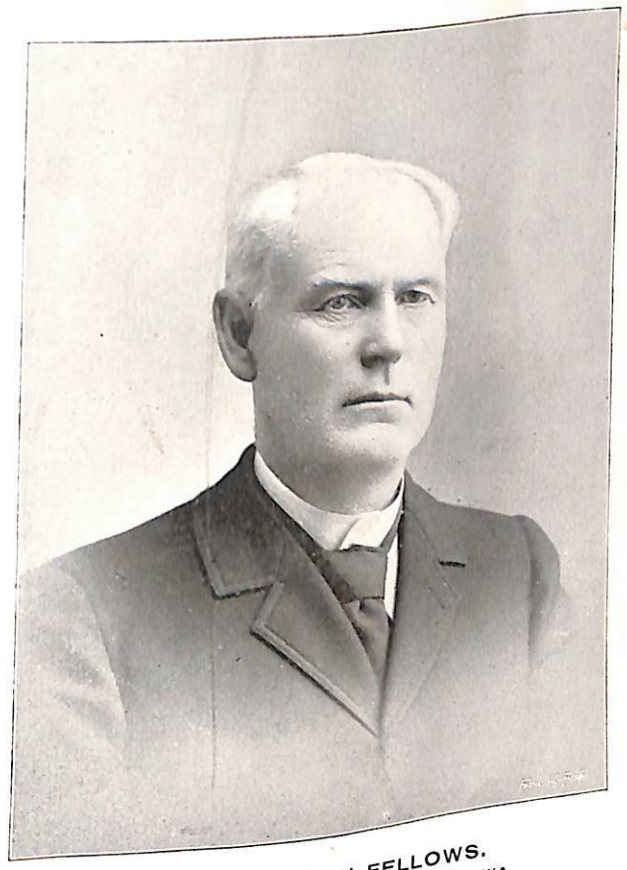

LIBERTY EATON FELLOWS.
R. W. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN IOWA.

OUR GRAND MASTER.

Liberty Eaton Fellows, was born in Corinth, Vermont, August 22, 1834. He resided on a farm in his native state until 1856, receiving a common school and academic education. He came to Iowa in 1857, and located in Allamakee county, studied law, and was admitted to practice in 1862. He has been active in his profession, residing most of the time at Lansing. He was a member of the House of Representatives of Iowa in 1866, and of the Senate in 1868 and 1870. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital for the Insane, Mt. Pleasant, and for several years a Trustee of the Upper Iowa University at Fayette; He was, for one year, 1889, by appointment of the Governor, Judge of the courts of the 13th Judicial District, and was elected to the same position in 1894. In his home life our Grand Master is blessed with a true life companion in his estimable wife, whom he married in 1861. They have raised a family of children of whom they are justly proud.

We have purposely left until last the Masonic Career of our Grand Master. He was initiated in Evergreen Lodge No. 144, Lansing, Iowa, November 8, 1865, and raised Jan. 1, 1866, in the same Lodge. He has held various offices in his home Lodge, being W. M. for seven years. In the Grand Lodge he has served in important places; on the committee on jurisprudence, once as chairman; was Junior Grand Warden in 1888; was appointed Deputy Grand Master in 1892 and elected Grand Master first in 1893 and re-elected in 1894. We take great pleasure in placing the life-like portrait of our Most Worshipful Grand Master at the head of our columns this month and we know we voice the sentiment of every loyal Master Mason in Iowa, when we say that, as a gentleman, true, just, sympathetic, thoughtful, unassuming and capable we gladly place our Grand Master as first among his equals,

UNTYLED CYCLOPEDIAS.

Within a short time we have laid in a new cyclopedia, retaining our old one of another name. We were as proud and happy as he who first wore the jewel of our Junior Warden upon his person. We naturally wanted to look up the subject of Masonry. Our old copy, (Chambers) we forgave for its unfair and untrue representation of the Craft; but we were astonished and annoyed to find *all* our old one had given a generation ago and one and a half pages of new matter, musty statistics and newspaper reports. It set us to wondering and now we shall go to searching and when we have done we shall report the results to our readers. This much we will say now. The Masonic press has a field of usefulness and guardianship here to which we hope they will all attend. The unfair and untrue statements sent out in these untyled cyclopedias should condemn them in the eyes of all intelligent Freemasons. We request each individual Mason who is approached by an agent to insist first upon seeing and reading the article on Free Masonry. If words like the following occur (tell him you do not want chestnuts) you can refuse with propriety to buy: "Fable and imagination," "overlaid with fiction and absurdity," "jargon," "apocryphal." These ear marks will be all-sufficient to justify the condemnation of a work, not on the ground of its enmity, but because it is palming old and dead matter off as a product of present day historic research.

TRUE MASTERS.

I am sitting in the private office of the Superintendent of a great railway corporation. At his side is a "sounder" ticking off the messages, that are perfectly intelligent to his practiced ear. It suggests a thought; at some time in his past life he was a learner; the great interests he represents makes it necessary that he should be able to "receive" as he did when only an "operator."

Now, though superintending all departments of this great system, he still handles the key with dexterity. I find the same true in every connective department; in fact no man secures the mastery but such as know how and have served. The Masonic significance is this: every true Mason of whatever additional degree, knows and continues to use with skill the working tools of Ancient Craft Masonry. Whoever neglects one class of workmanship when entering upon another, loses not only the accomplishments, but as well the right to further advancement. I have a friend, a Mason, who is now a banker, who one day stood watching the workmen carving in stone; it was his early trade; he wanted to try his skill; another vouched for his worthiness to handle the chisel and maul, and he set to work deftly following the lines and found that after a decade of absence from his trade he could still summon his eye and hand to service. This was most pleasing to him and comfirmed him in the belief that though he was a banker he was also still a true master of his early trade.

No man ought to feel that he has gone *higher* in Masonry, but only onward, and never that any subsequent degree has lessened his duty to the symbolic foundation of the whole beautiful structure. The illustrious Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master of Knights Templar in the United States, uttered a great truth along this line recently when he said "It is a good thing for a man of mature years to return to the home of his childhood, to be a boy again: drinking at the fountain of youth, he becomes a stronger and better man. Thus we would be better men and Masons in the higher degree were we to return more frequently to our mother's home, walk again and again in the perhaps now forgotten paths of Entered Apprenticeship. Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

Iowa now has over 25,000 Master Masons.

MASONRY APPRECIATED.

When our fathers made long journeys to and from the Lodge, they appreciated and valued Masonry at its truest worth; the number was limited to a few choice spirits and it was counted a very honorable thing for a man to be known in the community as a Freemason. It is not to be denied that we have not gained in proportion to our increase in numbers in the public estimation, nor has our moral strength grown with our numerical numbers. I recollect as a youth seeing all the people uncover when the Masonic Lodge passed in procession; it was the sterling worth of the men that comprised that moving body which compelled the act of homage.

If Freemasonry were to guard its doors with flaming swords and admit within its sanctuaries none but those whose characters had been established, it would not have to lament the fact that stones unfitted for the builder's use are to be found in its walls. —*Fredrick Speed.*

True, Judge Speed, aged and honorable, the judgment of the patriarchs is received with deference and weight, but up here in the good state of Iowa we have 25,000 of these stones, that average up beautifully in every excellence and rarity. We wish all were perfect, but alas, in a life so changeful and weak we must be content to give credit for those who do the best they can.

BY THE PLUMB.

Every well informed Freemason is often reminded that he should "act by the plumb" walking uprightly before the world, providing things honestly in the sight of all men, giving to every man his due, dealing justly, and showing an example worthy of imitation, all goes into the sum total of this self imposed and profitable duty. When tempted to neglect or desert this well tried and needful implement for the "world's way," we ought to remember that however "untrue" or much "out of line" others may be

we should ever stand before the world as just and upright Masons. When there seems to be a period of dearth and deadness among the very elect and we are pained as by "false brethren" let nothing divert us from the true path of Masonic and moral rectitude. Though men may try us "as by fire" yet there is left the rare jewel of perpendiculars, the plumb that will never cease to be a reminder of the glory and beauty of the day that under every trial stands upright and acts by the plumb. So may we ever act.

A DISTINGUISHED HONOR.

While Masonry holds to the time honored practices that need no laudation, and that balance all vituperation, there will be no danger of its losing its hold as the leading fraternity among men. With these unspeakable experiences that go to fill up the measure of benevolence; with that Scriptural charity that restores the one overtaken in fault, if they be repentant; with the unpriced generosity that levels all classes into a meeting upon the level, let those who know it speak with assurance. The meanest things its enemies can say of it or its private methods, are all offset a thousandfold by the distinguished honor it maintains of doing its praiseworthy work in its own way. Do Sectarians know what true brotherhood is? Let the sectional bitterness that has induced undying hate and division answer. Do those who dredge the vilest sewerage of their evilly wrought opinion, know any pledge of honor that all keep who herd with them; let their own mud-bespattered ranks answer. Meanwhile in controversy, in contradiction, in contumely, in abuse, in want, in all, we count it a high honor to hold an humble place in the ranks of an Order that, when it preaches a Salvation by Works, does not kick all over by reverting to the methods of the unregenerate world. Masonry has the same welcome for Dives as it has for Lazarus; but a Masonic Dives does not let a Masonic Lazarus "go to the dogs." Can the self-righteous Pharisees who croak at Masonry, match its equity? We are not enthusiastic but energetic in the belief that the privileges of Masonry are too high in honor to be always held back for fear of answering fools according to their folly.

THE ELECTION EVIL.

A worthy brother jocularly made the remark that a member's right to vote at the election of officers should be based on his attendance at the meetings of the year. That an attendance of 33 per cent should be required before the member is permitted to vote. There is a grain of sense in this remark, and the vote of the "annuals" is becoming more and more a subject of criticism. There are many excellent Masons who cannot attend the sessions of the various bodies often, and the brethren are glad to see them, even if only once a year.

This remark did not apply to them, but the mischief-making "annual" who comes to vote because some one is leading him around by the nose. The "annual" who gets out and rustles for a pet whom he wishes to elect over more competent men.

The "annual" who has no interest in the body except to see that his friends are provided for, irrespective of qualifications: the "annual" who votes advancement of an officer who occupies the chair that evening, even if that officer has not warmed the chair one-third of his official term: some of these "annuals" and the brethren who send them out on electioneering pilgrimages were "sot" upon recently. Brethren, before you vote for an officer, don't you think you ought to attend a few meetings and see whether the officer is attending to his duty and is competent.—*Dr. Kuhn in The Constellation.*

The total estimated receipts of the Grand Lodges of Canada and the United States last year were $535,994.79.

A CREDITABLE MODESTY.

Whether it is always rigidly enforced or not it yet stands as overwhelmingly practical that Masonry does not follow competitive methods of securing members. The members might to-day be two millions instead of one million in number had the methods of most other fraternities been followed. We are not finding fault with the neighbors; we know more than we will tell of the case: but we do call attention with pride to the creditable modesty that refuses to seek the welfare of its exchequer at the cost of its life-long tenets. He who would enjoy the privileges of Masonry must seek them "of his own free will and accord" and the tests are no different than in any well ordered Society. Masonry does not advertise its wares, for sale; no man who does not like it need be disturbed; it will never seek him, nor harm him; his free abuse of it is the more cowardly since he knows he need not fear. Masonry will go on its way doing its noble work, and among them all no more proud distinction exists than that it must be sought to be secured.

GEN. JACKSON A MASON.

Of the early Masonic history of Andrew Jackson, but little is known. In a tribute to his memory, prepared by Rev. Mr. Neeley, the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, it is stated that in the early part of his life he was connected with a lodge that met at Clover Bottom, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. In the year 1822, he was elected and installed as Grand Master of Tennessee, and presided during the session of that year, with all the firmness and dignity which distinguished him in other situations of command. He was, in the subsequent year, re-elected to this important position, and continued to exercise its functions with his usual promptitude and decision. He was connected with the Order until the time of his death, and had made some progress in the higher degrees, since we find him, but a few years previous to his death, assisting in the imposing ceremonies of installing the officers of Cumberland Royal Arch Chapter. The testimony of a man whose public career was so intimately interwoven with the destinies of the nation, and whose private life was a beautiful illustration of benevolence, is too valuable to be omitted in a work, professedly intended to be a defence of Freemasonry. In 1833, Gen. Jackson, while on a visit to Boston, was invited, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, to visit them at a special communication to be called for that purpose. The General made arrangements for doing so; but on the arrival of the evening was compelled to forego his intention in consequence of excessive fatigue. He sent, however, a letter, in which he expressed his favorable wishes for the prosperity of the institution, as one "calculated to benefit mankind." The Hon. Joel R. Poinsett, one of the President's suite, attended the communication, and delivered the following message, in which the opinion entertained by Jackson of the institution is explicitly stated:

"Most Worshipful Brother, the President of the United States, has charged me to express to his brethren of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, his sincere regret at being prevented by indisposition, from accepting their invitation to meet them in the temple, and from tendering to them in person, his acknowledgments for their attentions. He begged me to assure them that he shall ever feel a lively interest in the welfare of an institution with which he has been so long connected, and whose objects are purely philanthropic: and he has instructed me to express to them the high esteem and fraternal regard which he cherishes for them all."—"*The Mystic Tie.*"

The beautiful Temple of the Scottish Rite bodies in Indianapolis, was burned Nov. 3, 1894.

FEDERATION NEEDED.

To the careful student of Freemasonry and of Masonic literature it must become more and more evident as the years go by that we need just what our Masonic Fathers tried to get for us and somehow failed, a federation of Masonry in this country. Now let no hot words escape from the conservative until he has read, marked, and inwardly digested, the almost chaotic variety of "Work" presented by the various jurisdictions of Masonry.

The simultaneous movement of prominent Masons, Military, Provincial and Independent Grand Lodges, to elevate Gen'l George Washington to be Grand Master in the United States, should have been consummated, and but for his own opposition thereto, likely would have come to pass. No sensible brother will want to assume that we want a Supreme Lodge, with power to set up and tear down at will, or in fact to disturb the essential independence of the Grand Jurisdictions: but there are prerogatives that might most appropriately be entrusted to the judgment and advice of a National Masonic Council. Whatever feeling of guardianship may be felt by some over their local "work" no traveler can help regrets when he finds the variety of difference that exists. If other concordant bodies can with such profit enjoy the benefit of federation, why not the old foundation principal? Symbolic Masonry has all the experience, and the warnings of all the mistakes of the past, from the other bodies, and can thereby improve the plan. In the organization of a National body, the popular rather than the more limited form of representation should obtain. The delegates or representatives should come from the various jurisdictions as Master Masons and not as certain restricted official titles might dictate. In each Grand Jurisdiction there are men who may never be elected to office in the Grand Lodge who by their learning and ability would fill the place of power in a National Masonic Communication. We claim no great emergency or imminence in the case, but this question is one that will come and keep coming until we examine more closely the footprints of the fathers and learn wisdom thereby.

WE WONDER WHY.

In our observation of the various symbols worn by the fraternities of our country we have often wondered why the Maltese cross, long worn by and still the symbolic badge of the Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, and the higher degrees of the Scottish rite in Masonry, has been operated and worn with the configuration of these other orders thereon. We note its presence upon men who seemingly should know better; and the official badge of whose fraternity is just as beautiful and more becoming under the circumstances. The only result is to prejudice Templars against the innovation, and estrange them from the respect these other societies might otherwise retain if they staid within their own realm in the search for symbolic novelties. We think that a vigorous protest should be made against the manufacture of any and all nondescript and confusing badges anyhow, and if a few customers turn on their heels and walk out of a place where they find them on sale, they will see the point and try to do a legitimate business in emblems and badges. We wonder why they do not see the point and act accordingly.

THE JANUARY MIDLAND.

Octave Thanet, foremost among Midland writers, leads off with "The Prisoner," a keenly interesting story of home life. Mrs. Mary. J. Reid, of St. Paul, contributes a charming sketch, "Octave Thanet at Home," with pictures. The fiction is especially strong. "In de Glory Land," by Birche Hardwicke, a Kansas writer, is a thrilling description of the days "befo' de wah." "Two Men and a Madonna" a pleasing love story by Marie Edith Beynon, a talented Manitoban. "Jerry Walton's Prospect," by John H. Mason, is a touching story of a stranded "forty-niner." Hon. George F. Parker, consul at Birmingham, England, prosposes that Iowa celebrate her semicentennial next year. The War Sketch this time is by a woman—an account of a nurse's experience. "The Society of the Army of the Tennessee," by Col. Moore. "Beatrice" is nearing the climax of her picturesque career. Heidelberg, by the editor, is elegantly illustrated. One of the strong topical papers, on a labor theme, is by ex-President Pickard, of the Iowa State University. Two prize poems and other poetic gems and over sixty illustrations embellish this, the largest and best number yet. Johnson Brigham, Publisher, Des Moines, Iown. $1.50 a year.

LITERARY NOTE.

The relation which price bears to quality in literature is made obscure by the Christmas *Cosmopolitan*. Stories by Rudyard Kipling, Wm. Dean Howells, Mrs. Spencer Trask, Mrs. Burton Harrison and Albion W. Tourgee, are interspersed with poetry by Sir Edwin Arnold, Edmund Clarence Stedman, and James Whitcomb Riley, while through the number are scattered illustrations by such famous artists as Remington, Touche, Reinhart, Turner, Van Schaick, Gibson, and Stevens. A series of portraits of beautiful women of society illustrate an article on The Relations of Photography to Art; a travel article by Napoleon Ney, grandson of the famous Field Marshal; one of the series of Great Passions of History, to which Froude and Gosse have already contributed, and half a dozen others equally interesting, go to make up the attractions of the number. The *Cosmopolitan* people say: "We might charge you more for this number, but, in all frankness, could we give you better material, better illustrated, if we charged you a dollar a copy?"

CUSTODIAN'S SCHOOLS.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Sann, and we shall have his corrections each month.

January 10, 1895.

Brother Geiger:—Having been called to Chicago on some very important business, I have been obliged to procrastinate writing you until now, so if any harm has been done, charge same to my account. I have filled my appointments made as per revised list sent you last month up to and including Jan. 5, at Nichols. My revised list for the future is as follows. Places having accepted the appointments marked with x as heretofore:

Milton, Jan. 21. 22 and 23. x
Promise City, Jan. 24 and 25 x
Humeston, Jan. 26 and 28. x
Davis City, Jan 29 and 30. x
Hiteman, Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2. x
Cambridge, Feb 6 and 7. x
Paton, Feb. 8 and 9. x
Onawa, Feb 11 and 12. x
Hawarden Feb. 13 14 and 15. x
Spirit Lake, Feb 16 and 18. x
Laurens, Feb. 19 and 20. x
Lewis. Feb. 26 and 27. x
Cumberland, Feb. 28, Mch. 1 and 2. x
Oakland, Mch 4. x

I have upon my list, appointments not yet made the following places: Creston, Chariton, New Sharon, Parkersburg, Persia, Denison, Riceville, Dowds, Danville, Burlington, Prairie City and Boone.

I am rushing the work assigned me as fast as my vocal organs will permit. The demand for my services seem to be on the increase, which is very gratifying, even if I cannot reach them just when wanted.

Yours fraternally,
Geo. B. Van Sann, V. C.

HISTORICAL ARTICLES.

We shall next month begin a series of historical papers covering the organization and growth of Masonry in Iowa. In order that the articles heretofore written by Dr. Parvin, may not be lost from their place at the head of the series, we shall publish them at least in part. We advise those who wish to secure the series for preservation to subscribe at once so that they can have the Freemason monthly. We do not store up a large number of surplus copies.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Marshalltown, June 4, 1895.
Nebraska, Omaha, June 12, 1895.

A MASONIC ODE.

BY JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER.

Hail, craft and brotherhood,
Met here for mutual good,
As brethren dear;
Now with a cheerful song,
Joined by the tie so strong,
Through misty ages long,
We all draw near.

Well may our hearts rejoice,
To hear the welcome voice
Of brotherhood;
That band of workmen true,
Who all the ages through,
Wrought well, and faithful too
In all they could.

Now 'round our altar dear,
Let all unite to hear
The voice of prayer;
Then high each voice in praise
"To the ancient of days,"
Who guideth all our ways
Be sounded there.

Then to the quarries move
Each true heart full of love
While all agree,
To labor all the hours
Until the goodly towers
Of that fair temple, ours,
All men may see.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has abolished the Grand Representative system. So has Iowa.

Lodge Secretaries in Iowa should remember that their returns are now due at the Grand Secretary's office.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri was organized April 24, 1821, and their Grand officers installed May 4, following.

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias intradicted the use of German Rituals, now the Germans are starting an independent order.

Iowa Masonic law disqualifies a newly raised Master Mason from voting or holding office without passing an examination in open lodge on the third degree.

There are Masonic Veterans Associations in twenty-six states of the Union (where is the Iowa M. V. A.?) Their second National meeting will be held next summer at Boston.

If one may judge by the reports of generous benevolence, the Masonic and allied fraternities, have made many non-masonic individuals happy by their gifts during the late holidays.

The anxiety of the poorly housed Masonic bodies to get into good quarters is something that ought to bring forth fruit, and that right early. We know several places where temples are badly needed.

It was our privilege to be with the brethren of Wheatland, Iowa, on the 27th of December for a most pleasant and profitable evening. They have a vigorous Lodge, well officered and doing good and true work.

We respectfully call attention to our "Iowa Exchange" through which we hope to aid those who are seeking to complete sets of proceedings. We may find room for announcements from other jurisdictions later on.

Among the Lodges that now have a full set of Grand Lodge Proceedings, we have the pleasure to announce Marion stands No. 6, with a number of other valuable works that go toward making a good start when we get into the New Temple.

Garden City Lodge 141, of Chicago, knows how to keep well to the front. The address of the Master, Treasurer's and Secretary's reports, and a roster of officers for 1895 come to hand and make us feel that they must be a working Lodge. It is neat and full of interesting matter.

Anchor Lodge 191, Hampton, had a pleasant meeting Dec 29, '94, at which P. M., E. S. Patterson installed their new officers, amid the best of feeling. Almost an entirely new set of officers take charge, and with its reputation for "good work" we believe that Anchor lodge will not drag or lose its high place.

Grand Master Andrews leads his jurisdictions (Ohio) forward from the darkness of "perpetual jurisdiction" over rejected material. It is repugnant to any manly instinct where the doctrine of reformation is believed in at all. Welcome, Buckeyes, to the light and liberty of the Hawkeye doctrine of "limited jurisdiction."

Manchester Lodge No. 165, through the Secretary presents the list of officers as installed Dec. 22, 1894: W. M., S. S. Summers; S. W., R. R. Robinson; J. W., B. W. Jewell; Treasurer, Seth Brown; Secretary, J. M. Pearse; S. D., Thos. Given; J. D., C. D. Elder; S. S., Jacob Petton; J. S., R. L. Kartright; Tyler, Franklin Emerson.

The efficient Secretary of Rob. Morris Lodge No. 500, Walker, has written a history of the Lodge including the preliminary meetings leading up to its organization and from thence to date. It is highly prized by the brethren, in proof whereof they presented the Secretary with a very fine "presentation apron" and passed resolutions accepting of the document as the history of the Lodge.

During the year 1893-4 there were in the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa, (Lodges) 1,601 initiated, 1,564 passed and 1,584 raised. There were 694 admitted and 178 re-instated, making the total increase 2,456; from which 738 dismissions, 319 deaths, 450 suspensions and 12 expulsions, in all 1,519 is to be deducted, leaving a net increase of 937. From present indications the net increase of this year will be nearly as great.

The largest lodge in Iowa is Capital No. 110, Des Moines, with 236 members, and next to it Pioneer No. 221 of the same city with 208. Signet Chapter R. A. M., Marshalltown, stands first with 179 members, and Corinthian, of Des Moines, second, with 170. Temple Commandery, K. T., Des Moines, stands first with 229 Knights, and Apollo, Cedar Rapids, second, with 154. Newton Chapter, O., E. S. Newton, stands first with 171 members; Des Moines second, with 130.

At the annual meeting of Arcturus Lodge 237 Osian, Iowa, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M., M. J. Carter; S. W., I. H. DeGraff; J. W., A. Lee; Treasurer, C. H. Blanchard; Secretary, W. W. Carter. Appointed officers: S. D., D. J. Burrows; J. D., E. A. Kenyon; S. S., A. Vance; J. S., E. Webster; Tyler, A. Uhley; Finance Committee, H. B. Corlett, A. Lee and A. Uhley; Trustees, A. Vance, A. E. Kenyon and A. Uhley. This Lodge is greatly limited in its territory, yet, is prosperous, having $250 loaned out and more cash in hand than necessary to meet current expenses, so says the new and energetic W. M.

HISTORY OF MISSOURI.

We think that every Freemason who gets a glympse of the Masonic Constellation, and finds therein the able articles on the "History of Masonry in Missouri" written by Rev. John D. Vincil, D. D., Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, will give hearty approval of such a labor of love upon the part of their Grand old man. Brother Rickart is holding his Constellation well up in the Masonic firmament and this series of papers should make it invaluable to every Missouri Mason. We shall wait impatiently until Dr. Vincil gives attention to the organization of Iowa, in 1844.

Send your subscription at once and get full files of this magazine.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., ———, 1897.
Iowa Grand, Sioux City, October 10, 1894.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

From the General Grand Secretary of the G. G. Chapter U. S., comes the sad information that companion JOHN FRIZZELL, Past General Grand High Priest, (1877-1880) departed this life at his home in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 30, 1894, in the 66th year of his age.

"His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a Man'!"

CALLING OFF FROM DAY TO DAY.

Calling off from one meeting to another, to avoid closing and opening, should not be allowed; but when the pending business (a trial, for instance) cannot be finished in one day, to say that the meeting may not take a recess to another day, but a special meeting must be called and notified, is as absurd as it is inconvenient. We have no doubt that the ruling was correct in the case in which it was made; but we notice it because it is often made in the same terms in similar cases, and has caused doubts to arise in the other class of cases which we have mentioned, when they have actually arisen.—[*Drummond, Chapter Corr., Mc., 1892.*

THE COUNCIL DEGREES.

At the late convocation of the Iowa Grand Chapter, no legislation was attempted, looking to the separation of the Cryptic from the Capitular system. The Grand High Priest gave utterance to the following wise words in his address: "If these degrees must be kept in the Chapter, and make Iowa out of joint with all other grand jurisdictions, let us at least strive to make our lonely system vigorous, active, and of use and interest to ourselves."

From passing remarks heard on the floor from our representatives at the General Grand Chapter in Topeka, they did not receive a very cordial encouragement to continue in this "lonely" fashion. Three years ago they were invited to sit in the General Grand Council (perhaps as guests who were expected to profit by this magnanimous course) but this time they were not invited to visit the sessions of the Council, which followed the Capitular convocation. We see no call for this state of affairs in Iowa. The ritual of the Council in both of its degrees is simply beautiful, more impressive even than that of the chapter, and it deserves a chance under these later conditions that have left Iowa behind other jurisdictions in the Cryptic procession. It is time that labor be resumed in the S. V. Companions. Those who have been our leaders, and are now, are our trusted companions and friends, and to them, High Priest King and Scribe, with all who bear office under them, we appeal that you rescue the Council degrees from oblivion and put us in touch and standing with our companions beyond.

Emerson Chapter, 121, Emerson, joined with the Masonic Lodge in a public installation of officers, Dec. 21, 1894. Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Maria Jackson, installed the following officers of the Chapter: Mrs. Sibyl J. Tubbs, W. Matron; Mr. M. L. Evans, W. Patron; Mrs. Laura Culver, Asst. M.; Mrs. Allie N. Tubbs, Secretary, Mr. B. P. Griffith, Treasurer; Mrs. Hattie E. Potts, Cond.; Mrs. Hattie M. Evans, Asst. Cond.: Miss Adda Birdsall, Adah; Mrs. Eugenie McFadon, Ruth; Mrs. Kate McMurtry, Esther; Mrs. Ida Griffith, Martha; Mrs. Ella Longshore, Electa; Mrs. Mary Snell, Warden; Mrs. C. Strickler, Sentinel; Mrs. Sadie Strickler, Chaplain; Dr. Snell, Marshall; Mrs. Mary Crawford, Organist.

We are glad to see the name of our Reverend companion, Thomas Uzell, of Denver, as the first Grand Chaplain of the newly organized Grand Council, R. & S. M., of Colorado. He's all right.

General Joseph Warren, the hero of Bunker Hill, and Paul Revere were among the early members of St. Andrew's chapter of Boston. Paul Revere was Past Master of King Solomon Lodge of Charlestown, and afterward Grand Master of Massachusetts in 1795-6-7.—*Masonic Journal.*

On Dec. 12, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year in the Chapter at Manchester: M. E. H. P. Comp., Geo. S. Lister; K. Comp., N. J. Wolcott; S. Comp., G. G. Pierce; Treasurer Comp., H. C. Haeberle; Secretary Comp., J. M. Pearse; C. H. Comp., Seth Brown; P. S. Comp., Thos. Given; R. A. C. Comp., B. H. Keller; M. 3d V. Comp., D. F. Grove; M. 2d V. Comp., C. D. Elder; M. 1st V. Comp., Jacob Pettlon; Guard Comp., J. F. Cunningham.

OUR EXCHANGE.

[In this department, we wish to call your attention to any Masonic work Wanted, For Sale or Exchange. No charge will be made to subscribers for announcements, but postage must be enclosed when answers are expected to communications. Inquiries for information unanswered will appear in this department. Address all letters to the Editor.]

WANTED.

Iowa Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1863, and 1882, by T. S. P.

All same, previous to 1887, by M Matson, Persia, Iowa.

Volume I or any parts thereof, of Proceedings Grand Chapter of Iowa.

WANTED—The Proceedings of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine 1 to 13, 14 to 19 years for which 50 cents per number will be paid.

WANTED—By T. S. Parvin, originals G. L. of 1846 and 1847. Proc. Imperial Council N. M. S. 1891.

FOR EXCHANGE OR SALE.

Iowa, G. L. Proc., 1855-56; 71, 72, 73, 83, 84, 86, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94. Iowa Grand Chapter, 1869 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90 to 94, by J. W. Geiger, Marion.

ON COMMISSION.

We will receive consignments of Masonic works, Iowa Proceedings, etc., at the expense of the owner, which we will dispose of at the earliest opportunity at such prices as may be ruling at the time, charging only such margin as will cover expenses. Address the editor.

NOTE—As a rule the earlier copies of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Proceedings are likely to rise in price. Vol. 3, G. L., and Vol. 1 of G. C., are rare.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Boston, Mass., Aug. 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1895.
Missouri Grand, St. Louis, April 23, 1895.

THE GREAT TRIENNIAL.

Within this year, at the city of Boston, Mass., the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will assemble. Many will want to accompany the various Grand and Subordinate Commanderies now planning to go. Boston is a great city and yet the wisdom of making early arrangements for quarters is self evident. The subject of Railway transportation is not the most important, neither is it the least. The plans most popular among Western Templars is a combined excursion going and the privilege to return as we please within reasonable time limits. We expect to keep our readers posted in regard to the advantages offered and the privileges to be had while in the "Hub." Iowa, for one, will be there, and as noted elsewhere in this journal, will have a temporary home of their own, where callers will be welcome. Look to the East.

TEMPLE No. 4, DES MOINES.

We were in receipt of the Program of Christmas observance and the installation card of this Commandery: The officers elect were installed Dec. 21, 1894: E. C., F. W. Craig; Gen. Crom. Bowen; G. G., Wm. L. Shepherd; Prelate, Geo. F. Urry; S. W., J. B. Marsh; J. W., John H. Snyder; Treasurer, Seth Graham; Recorder, R. M. J. Coleman; St b., J. F. Pitt; Sw b., Louis Trepainer; W., D. F. Cowan; S., G. B. Wicks.

We thank Eminent Commander Craig for the information sent us of the above events.

The Boston Triennial Committee at a meeting held Oct. 18, had reports of 11,000 people already quartered and representing Grand and Subordinate Commanderies coming next summer.

A meeting of the Grand Commander's staff (of Iowa) has been called at Cedar Rapids, for January 22, for consultation.

The headquarters of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, have been contracted for at 527 and 529 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Mass. There will be accommodations for 30 people.

The time draws near, dear Fraters, when the R. E. Grand Commander will doubtless detail his Inspectors, so let the assembly be sounded and the preparation for proficiency in ritual and drill go on.

By the statistical statements of E. Sir, B. W. Rowell, Grand Recorder of Massachusetts, we learn that there were in 1893-4, 103,303 Knights Templar in the United States, an increase over the former year of 4,306.

The cheering information comes from Manchester, that Nazareth No. 33 has done some good work during the past year. We know from personal observation that the valiant Knights of 33 are a royal band of gentlemen, and with such a home as they have there is much encouragement to labor.

The officers of Nazareth Commandery No. 33, Manchester, were installed as follows: E. C., Sir W. H. Norris: Gen., B. H. Keller; C. G., S. A. Steadman: Prelate, Seth Brown: S. W., C. C. Lewis: J. W., F. J. Atwater: Treasurer, Jos. Hutchinson: Recorder, J. M. Pearse; St b., Jacob Petton; Sw b., C. D. Elder; W., Thomas Given.

Every Templar in the United States will heartily approve of the demand, being urged from some quarters in the form of petitions to Grand Master McCurdy, to prevent if possible, the display of our emblems about saloons in Boston next summer. It ought not need petitions to prove the disposition of any Sir Knight. Our principles are or ought to be enough.

We note with pleasure that Sir Knight John D. Turner, of Des Moines, has been appointed General Agent for the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Co., for the states of South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa. Shake, Johnny.

The Editor begs privilege to acknowledge personally the kind offices of affection expressed in the gift of a fine Past Commander's coat presented by the following companions and fraters of Marion, Iowa, on Christmas day: Jay J. Smyth, F. H. Hilliard, E. D. Humphrey, John W. Nye, L. P. Owen, B. F. Mentzer, J. B. Smally, J. T. Raymond, R. LaGrange, O. M. Boyles, W. W. Downey, Geo. W. Toms, J. Elliott Jr., T. J. Davis, E.J. I. Alderman, L. M. Lillis, C. H. Kurtz, Carl N. Owen, C. H. Marshall, W. J. Collar.

A. A. S. R.

From the valley of Cedar Rapids cometh no uncertain sounds of future activity, with the material at hand, and naturally affiliated here, each body should be strong and flourishing. We are hopeful for the future of this valley.

From the valley of Lyons, Iowa, De Molay, Consistory and Concordant bodies send out a neat directory and tabaleau of members, in which is also appended a full financial statement which must serve to commend the careful management of its affairs given by the officers in charge. We wish we had one of these rosters.

TO OUR EXCHANGES.

No particular attention need be paid to the changes made in our business arrangements so far as the address of exchanges may be concerned. The editor's home will continue to be in Marion, Iowa, and he will get mail directed to the business office equally as promptly.

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INTRODUCTORY.

Since the changes through which we are enabled to present this much improved magazine amount practically to a new enterprise we feel it to be necessary to say a few words by way of introduction. By the merging of our former journal with the Masonic Publishing Company, with a sufficient capital stock to insure the keeping up of the standard at which we start and on which in due time we hope to improve, we have secured the facilities offered by the firm of Laurance & Carr, of this city, whose fine printing for the El-Kahir Temple has gained for them a wide reputation. As will be seen elsewhere there is no change in our relation as editor, nor is our proprietory interest any less, proportionately, than before. The corporation is Masonic in its make-up, as all its official heads are Masons except the Secretary, and she's a Mason's daughter. While expressing our gratitude for the patronage of many Freemasons and Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the past we trust our venture will lead them to aid us in extending the circulation of this journal until at no greater expense for subscribers we can greatly increase the amount of reading matter. To our advertising patrons we would say that as at present published, the space allotted them equals in square inches about what they had before, and with our present circulation, is nearly twice as large as when most of our contracts were first made. And now we make our best fraternal salutation to one and all, and, we hope that while our hands remain steady, and until a ripe old age comes on apace, or until the reaper who garners in all, calls us hence, we may be privileged to help aid and assist in the noble and glorious work of upbuilding the cause which we all love, the foundation of which is Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

To Eminent Sir, B. W. Rowell, Grand Recorder, for the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery K. T., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for 1894, well and faithfully performed.

To R. W., Bro. J. H. Brownell, Grand Secretary of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., of Ohio, for 1894. The familiar face of the retiring M. W., Grand Master Allen Andrews, greets us as we open its pages. 'Tis well done since 'tis done so well.

To Illustrious F. E. Winning, of Tangier Omaha, for By-Laws and General Register of his Temple.

To Illustrious Gil. Barnard for the Sacred Scrolls of various Grand bodies in the Province of Illinois, from which we extract great comfort and inspiration.

To Grand Secretary, R. W., Ed. C. Parmelee, of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, for a copy of their proceedings for 1894. It is a creditable and instructive volume of 440 pages.

Our Masonic friends will please bear in mind that we have not advanced the price on this changed and improved Magazine, though the expense is increased four-fold. We shall, however, be compelled to cancel all half-rate offers hereafter.

We need not say how gladly we join in the effort that has brought forth this changed periodical, nor how much more heart we have to come to our patrons for their aid to make our work a success.

The usual paragraph spasm over the intra dictum of Roman Catholics from joining secret societies is going the rounds, and amounts about to the same gratuitous talk that comes from the city on the Tiber on modern conditions.

Those who responded to our half-rate offer prior to the receipt of this number will receive this journal for the full time for which they paid under the old arrangement, the ones who delayed will now please remit at our regular rate.

By the changes incident to our present form the Second Volume ends with but eight numbers. Subscribers who wish to have the twenty numbers of the First and Second Volumes bound, should carefully preserve them, as our supply of the December number of Vol. 2, and some other months, is exhausted.

The change in management does not change the platform of this journal, which was started to labor for the good of Masonry and the Mystic Shrine, in the non-controversial field. Our new quarters, where we have a neat and cozy corner near the depots and hotels in Cedar Rapids, will always be open with a hearty welcome to visitors. Enter our Sanctuary, sit down, rest and refresh yourself.

We can truly say that the lot of our enterprise has not been a hard one. The courtesy and kindly support of our brethren has come to us continually. When now and then a word or an act betokened a petulant or prejudiced act we accredited it to the lack of Masonic information on the path of duty. With this kind of encouragement, we began, in the accepted path of duty we have started, we'll push on, and we've come to stay.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET.

General Grand Chapter, Boston, Mass., August 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand Chapter, Charles City, October 16-17, 1895.

MRS. L. S. PARSONS.

Among the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter 128, of Waterloo, and at any and all promiscuous Masonic gatherings in that city we were wont to meet the cordial greetings of this gentle, cultured lady. The sudden and startling news of her death fell like a pall upon the community where she had been so long and favorably known. She was on her way to choir rehearsal on Dec. 29, when suddenly stricken with illness on the street, her death came before any relief could be administered and her husband, children, parents and friends left to the sorrow that maketh the heart sick. We extend to our Brother Parsons the heart-felt sympathy of all branches of the Masonic fraternity.

From one of the local papers of Waterloo we have the following clipped by Mrs. Kat C. Brechner, and kindly forwarded to u

"Mrs. Parsons was musical director i the Eastern Star Chapter of Waterloo. Fo many years she was a member of the First Baptist choir and was a most faithful attendant upon her duties in this capacity. She was a member of that church and had been for nearly twenty years. Mrs. Parson was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Garrabrant, of this city, and to them the death of a loved daughter is a crushing blow. Stockton, William and Ira are the three brothers.

Lillian Garrabrant was married to L. S. Parsons, of this city, May 22, 1879, and to him the loss of one who has ever been a loving and faithful help-meet will be irreparable. One son, Harry, aged fourteen, is bereft of a mother's care and love.

Mrs. Parsons was a member of Waterloo Chapter, No. 128, Eastern Star Lodge, and this society have charge of the funeral exercises.

The following were the pall bearers: Geo. R. Turner, A. H. Holt, Graham Stearns, J. S. Tuthill, W. F. Parrott, J. V. Smith. The funeral took place at 2 p. m., at the First Baptist church. A more extended reference to the obsequies will be given Wednesday.

As to the cause of her death, the physicians state that in the absence of an autopsy no cause can be definitely assigned. The symptoms, however, seem to indicate some serious lesion of the circulatory system.

Out of respect to the memory of Mrs. Parsons, the stores on the east side were closed during the funeral this afternoon. The First Baptist church was crowded to its utmost capacity during the services and many could not gain admittance.

The attention of the members of the Order in Iowa, is respectfully called to the "White Shrine" noticed in another department, as it is an interesting announcement.

We want to be sociable, and give the Order in Iowa and elsewhere all the help we can, and this is not the first time we've said it. Won't some body wake up and keep her promise, eh?

Now why should *The Signet* hesitate to tell us that the star at the head of our department was upsidedown in the November and December issues of the IOWA FREEMASON. We're not old (44 only) nor ugly (about it) and we thank you, sister. We'll try to do better hereafter.

Mrs. Maria Jackson, Grand Secretary, has signalized her fame to posterity by putting in book form "Female Masonry" a la Lease. It is an easy and laughable farce, intended for sociable entertainments given by Eastern Star Chapters and other Societies. 50 cents for single copies, or three for $1.00.

At a public installation of Harmony Chapter, No. 25, Order Eastern Star, held New Year's eve, in Council Bluffs, the following officers were installed for 1895 by Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Maria Jackson, G. H. Jackson acting Grand Marshal: Mrs. M. Duquette, W. M.; Mr. Charles E. Walters, W. P.; Mrs. Charles E. Tucker, A. M.; Miss Emma G. Potter, Secretary; Mrs. J. K. Cooper, Treasurer; Mrs. George Rudio, C.; Mrs. James Bell, A. C.; Mr. E. H. Haworth, chaplain; Mrs. H. A. Messmore, Adah; Mrs. Jennie Wilkins, Ruth; Mrs. Maggie McMillen, Esther; Mrs. H. A. Coffeen, Martha; Mrs. Charles E. Walters, Electa; Mrs. Lucinda Bennett, Warden; Mrs. Maria Jackson, Organist; Mrs. S. S. Nash, Sentinel.

January 8, a jolly crowd of the members of Harmony Chapter 25, O. E. S., of Council Bluffs, accepted the invitation of Adah Chapter, South Omaha, to cross the river and exemplify Female Masonry a la Lease, for the benefit of the latter Chapter. The affair was a great success both financially and also in attendance, and every one seemed to think, judging by their laughter and applause, that this new Order filled a long felt want.

LEGAL MASONIC INFORMATION.

From the Committee on Jurisprudence of West Virginia: "It must be such as to satisfy a prudent man beyond any reasonable doubt. It may be derived from having sat in lodge with a brother; from the avouchment of one who has met the brother in lodge; or from other sources equally trustworthy and equally conclusive to the mind of a prudent and cautious man."

BECOMING A MASON.

The preparation to which the candidate must submit, before entering the Lodge, serves allegorically to teach him, as well as to remind the brethren who are present, that it is the man alone, divested of all the outward recommendations of rank, state, or of riches, which Masonry accepts, and that it is his spiritual or moral worth alone which can open for him the door of the Masonic Temple.—*Monitor.*

SERVED HIM RIGHT.

An incident showing the value put upon Masonry by a United States judge is related in the Freemason's Chronicle. It seems a prisoner had been found guilty of the crime with which he was charged, and the judge was hesitating as to what sentence he should pass. The prisoner knew that the judge was a Freemason, and being himself a member of the Order, made a sign to the court. "Oh," said the judge, "you are a Freemason, I see." "Yes," said the prisoner, "I once had the honor of attending the same Lodge as yourself," and he hoped the recollection of that time would impress the judge in his favor. "Oh, I was just wondering," replied the judge, "whether you fully appreciated your position when you were attempting to commit the crime of which you now stand convicted: in fact, whether you had been properly educated to know how much wrong you were doing at the time, but your avowal of Masonic membership has convinced me on that point. As a Mason you have been taught what was right in this direction, and can have no excuse for the course you adopted. The sentence of the court, therefore, is that you be imprisoned to the fullest extent allowed by the law."—*Masonic Record.*

A LEWIS.

The Masonic explanation of this term is equally simple and pleasing. It was given to the son of a Master Mason, and placed amongst our emblems about the middle of the last century. In operative architecture it is an instrument used to support heavy stones which are to be raised to the highest parts of the building. In like manner, when a Master Mason passes into the vale of years, and becomes incapable of active exertions, he is supported, succored, and nourished by his son, the Lewis, who is able and willing to bear, in his father's stead, the burden and heat of the day.—*Rev. George Oliver, D. D.*

STRANGE BUT TRUE.

Several years ago M. G. Schwed, a member of Macon Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M. of Georgia, died leaving a bequest of $1,000 to his lodge on condition that the interest therefrom should be expended annually on the anniversary of his death in a banquet to his memory. On May 11 last was the ninth year since his death and the usual feast was spread. In his lifetime he is said to have been an ardent Mason, spending much time in the lodge room, and giving often to make pleasurable occasions for his brethren. He has by his bequest made provision for a perpetual annual Memorial banquet.

EDUCATING THE MEMBERS.

The mere ritual of Masonry is a small, the smallest part of its great purpose.

The trust of a Mason is in God, as a basis which can never fail and a rock which can never be shaken. Nor is this belief a mere empty profession, for it is borne out and illustrated by our practice. We open and close our Lodges with prayer: the same formula is used at the initiation of candidates; and no business of any importance is conducted without invoking the Divine assistance on our labors: and the blessing of God cannot be expected to follow any man's profession, unless it is verified by a good and virtuous life.—*Monitor.*

The following is a list of the officers of Kaaba Temple for the ensuing year, elected and appointed at their annual meeting: George F. White, Potentate; C. E. Birchard, Chief Rabban; Melville Bunker, Ass't. Rabban; W. S. Underdonk, High Priest and Prophet; W. H. Forrest, Oriental Guide; Cyrus T. Darling, Treasurer; Cornelius J. Brown, Recorder; John P. Risley, 1st Ceremonial Master; Lewis A. Dilley, 2d Ceremonial Master; Levi F. Cralle, Marshal; J. C. Duncan, Captain of the Guard; John Soller, Outer Guard.

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WM. B. MELISH, 33°
IMPERIAL POTENTATE N. M. S. OF NORTH AMERICA.

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TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Nantasket, Mass., Sept. 2 and 3, 1895.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Annual, Dec. 11, 1895.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, Annual.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

OFFICERS FOR 1894-5.

WILLIAM B. MELISH.....IMPERIAL POTENTATE
Cincinnati, Ohio.
Wayland Trask..... Imperial Deputy Potentate
Brooklyn, N. Y.
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Indianapolis, Indiana.
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Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
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Denver, Colorado.
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Kansas City, Missouri.
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St. Paul, Minnesota.
John H. Atwood..... Imperial Captain of Guard
Leavenworth, Kansas.
Horace K. Blanchard ..... Imperial Outer Guard
Providence, Rhode Island.

Members ad Vitam:

1 Walter M. Fleming, New York.
2 Sam Briggs, Cleveland, Ohio.
3 William B Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio.
4 Thomas J. Hudson, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Members Emeritus.

1 Albert Rawson, New York.
2 Charles W. Torey, New York.
3 George O. Tyler, Burlington, Vermont.
4 Charles T. McClenachan, New York.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR 1895-6.

[We will here give the names of Representatives, date of their election, and name of Temple. Recorders will please forward returns on receipt of this.]

El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Dec. 12, C. W. Eaton, C. Rap., I. P., W. J. Jameson; Cl. Bl. W. N. Dearborn, Stone City; E. S. Childs, Waterloo.

Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa—Geo. F. White, I. P.; Geo. L. Osborn, Geo. M. Titus; Chas. M. Waterman.

Media, Watertown, New York—Dec. 10, Fred. W. Streeter; D. G. Eggleston.

Moolah, St Louis—B. F. Nelson, G. W. Nieman, Otto F. Stifel.

Algeria, Helena, Montana—George H. Casey.

Zigara Temple, Utica, N. Y., Jno. W. Boyle, Edward F Brown, Roderick Campbell.

Osman, Minneapolis, Minnesota—W. H. S. Wright, C. E. Stone, T W. Hugo.

El Riad, Sioux Falls, South Dakota—Park Davis, W. T. Doolittle, Frank A. Brown.

Tangier, Omaha, Nebraska—H. C. Akin, G. Anderson, W. S. Strawn.

Syria, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—J. M. Kerr, W. S. Brown, James Arnold and Max Holmes

El Jebel, Denver Colorado—Dec. 16, '94. S. W. Chaney, A. F. Vick Roy, A. B. McGaffey and J. H. Peabody.

OUR FIELD.

In presenting this Magazine to the Nobility and the public, we claim to be actuated by becoming motives. There is room for our work. The Order has no publication given to its interests directly and it deserves to figure in the fraternal literature of the day. The field we have chosen is rich in its promise of rare and entertaining material. To bring the Imperial and subordinate bodies in nearer relations with each other is a work which alone would justify our undertaking. We hope to enlarge the range of labor as time and means are reached so as to give to our readers more of the valuable treasures now presented from the Orient by sages, philosophers and travelers. The Fez shall be of the Shrine, for the Shrine, and by a Shriner, and always willing and anxious to further the interests of this Order that now exerts so wide and helpful influence in the world. Don't forget your Fez.

TO THE NOBILITY.

It is with a sense of pleasure truly oriental that we have concluded to enlarge the sphere of this department of our journal so as to be in touch with the growing interests of this growing order; and to the end that we may be practically helpful to our common interests we propose to seek the fullest possible co-operation of imperial and subordinate officers and members. This number of our journal more properly, but prefaces, the extensions and improvements we hope to make as means and opportunity come to hand so to do.

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, rejects the proposition to modify the jurisdictional lines between them and El-Kahir Temple, viz: to grant them concurrent jurisdiction in Dallas, Guthrie, Audubon, Shelby, Harrison and Pottawattomie counties.—(See December *Iowa Freemason*). This will, doubtless, cause an effort at re-opening the subject before the Imperial Council at Nantasket, Mass., next September.

OUR IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

It is with pleasure that we introduce this department to our readers, with the portrait of illustrious Wm. B. Melish, Imperial Potentate of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in North America. Some idea can be formed of the estimation in which he is held by his home Temple when it is known that since the organization of Syrian Temple, Cincinnati, fifteen years ago, he has been each year elected by acclamation and without opposition, Illustrious Potentate. Noble Melish, served in several official positions in the Imperial Council prior to his election as Imperial Potentate at Omaha, in 1892. He was succeeded in 1893 by Thomas J. Hudson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and re-elected to the Imperial Potentate's office, in 1894, at Denver, Col. From the Cincinnati *Enquirer* we quote the following complimentary notice:

Mr. Melish is one of the best known citizens of this city, and one of the most prominent Masons in the United States. He is about 43 years old, and resides with his handsome wife, son and daughter in a stately mansion in Clifton. He is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bromwell Brush and Wire Company and of the Knights Templars Insurance Company.

Endowed with extraordinary executive ability and a keen, quick judgment, brilliant at repartee, of ready wit and overflowing with humor, and of a determined, unyielding character, he is a born commander, and as a chairman at a meeting or toastmaster at a banquet, he cannot be excelled. He is held in the highest esteem and admiration by the thousands of Masons in this state, and he is the idol of the Masons of Cincinnati.

He was one of the chief organizers of Syrian Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of this city, 14 years ago, and he has been elected Potentate of the Temple every year since then by acclamation and without opposition. The local Temple now numbers over 1,000 members, all prominent Masons of the thirty-second degree or Knights Templar, as no one below these degrees can become a Shriner. Mr. Melish is also Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment Knights Templars of the United States; Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, and Master of Ceremonies of the Ohio Consistory, Thirty-second Degree, and a member of the Supreme Council of the United States thirty-third degree Scottish Rite Masons. He is Past Master of Lafayette Lodge No. 81, F. and A. M.; Past High Priest of Willis Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Thrice Illustrious Master of Cincinnati Council No. 2, Royal and Select Masters; Past Eminent Commander of Hanselmann and Trinity Commanderies, Knights Templar, and Past Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Ohio.

REMARKABLE INITIATION.

Syrian Temple, N. M. S., Cincinnati, Ohio, announces the initiation on Nov. 9, last, of Wm. H. Gayle, an aged resident of that city. Noble Gayle was nearly 94 years of age at the time of his initiation and it is doubtful if an older person was ever initiated in any secret society. Sir Gayle became a Mason in 1822 and a Knight Templar in 1829. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite and takes an active interest in the different Masonic bodies of which he is a member. At the time of his initiation he crossed the hot sands of the desert in great shape, and made a speech expressing his appreciation of the courtesy shown him, and of his desire to "be with the boys on all occasions." While Noble Gayle is weak physically and has many of the trials of advanced age, his mental faculties are remarkably strong and he is a most companionable and genial gentleman.—*W. B. Melish.*

Noble W. W. Wallace, of Mohammed Temple, Peoria, has sent out a unique and taking notice of dues for 1895.

LADY SHRINERS.

Maybe the Nobles will think this is a "fake," but it's not, for in two places they've broken out into full blown banquets and the matter cannot longer be hid.

While El Kahir was toiling and sweating in Des Moines, trying to eke out existence with a $1000 banquet, the wives of the Perry Nobles went at it and had a big banquet, speeches, fez, and all, no doubt in revenge for the supposed slight put upon them by their lords and masters! (hic!) And the Perry husbands had the bills to pay. That was in October and makes PEREE TEMPLE Ladies of the Shrine the first in Iowa. Next! We find ourselves suddenly confronted with a yet larger dilemma, for on Dec. 17, at Atlantic, this rebellion among the heretofore veiled beauties, took on the form of yet more expensive luxury. Banquet, $3 per plate: flowers, $10; carriages, (to haul 'em home in) $15; music, $25, etc., etc., and the poor husbands were content to sit at a cheap banquet at a hotel, $1.50 a dish, while these women took a whole house and made all the fun they wanted to and as late as they cared to in the same city, on the same night, (Dec. 17) as that on which Kaaba met in Atlantic. And these fellows will have that bill to pay. They dub their Temple Kada, Ladies of the Shrine. Now, Sisters, since its you who have invaded our sacred precincts, come to our arms, and be forgiven, and you may wear our (second-handed) fezes and may sit (without) near our temple, and if you keep up this thing, maybe, with us at the banquet some sweet day bye and bye.—Ta-ta, Kada.

THE IMPERIAL RETURNS.

As a young member of the Imperial Council we were in no position to know much about the discussion carried on over the question of the returns by which the amount the Representatives of the Temple might know how much they were entitled to if *for that year* the amount of funds paid by their Temple was less than the mileage and per diem, as calculated by the committee. We remember that some difference of opinion arose, whether the fiscal year or the "council year" (from May 1 to May 1) should be the basis. We are of the opinion that the Constitution is very plain on this question. Article III, Section 6, reads thus:

"Representatives shall be entitled to mileage and per diem expenses when in attendance at the sessions of the Imperial Council, and no Representative or Representatives, except Past Imperial Potentates, shall be entitled to mileage beyond the aggregate amount paid to the Imperial Council for that year, by such Temple as he or they represent, and no deficiency shall be chargeable to a succeeding year."

Article XXXIII very plainly sets forth the time when the Annual returns shall be made. It reads thus:

"Every subordinate Temple shall *on or before the 1st day of May, in each year*, transmit to the Imperial Recorder, in such form as shall be furnished, its *annual return*, accompanied by the dues to the Imperial Council, as provided by Article XVI of this Constitution"

Putting the plain letter of the Constitution in the hands of the committee on M. & P., there seems no other cause than to calculate the council year's receipts—all Monies in the hands of the Imperial Recorder on or before the 1st of May; and that funds sent in thereafter, even if sent prior to the Imperial Council meeting must be reported in the following year.

Our sympathies went out to those Representatives at Denver, who were in receipt of less than their expenses by the workings of the law, but hard as it seemed it stands there and should be obeyed until lawfully set aside.

The Shriners number upwards of 60,000 in the United States, distributed in 68 Temples. New Shrines (temples) are to be constituted in North Carolina, Wyoming and Arizona. The Arab Patroll, of Chicago, is one of the finest drilled in the world. It is composed of thirty members of Medinah Temple.—*Masonic Record.*

NOTE—We would thank brother Fisher to tell the Court where he got his (60,000) figures.—*Ed.*

THE ARMENIAN TROUBLE.

Every wearer of the fez in North America has no doubt looked with intense interest at the news received through the press of the reported cruelties perpetrated upon the Armenians by the soldiers of the Turkish army. Liberty loving citizens as we all are, we can but shudder at two things connected with this reversion of the "unspeakable Turk" to his early methods of subjugation. One is that they have not learned by experience to know better, and the other is that the nation having supervisional direction of the empire does not fearlessly and summarily insist that the slaughter shall stop and the offenders be punished. A quarter of a million Nobles of the Mystic Shrine owe it to themselves to unite in solemn protest against this inhuman and uncivilized butchery of the innocent women, children and aged men in Armenia. We are glad to note the condemnation uttered by Hon. W. E. Gladstone (grand old man) in the following words:

"The intelligence which has reached me tends toward a conclusion which, however, I hope may not be verified, and that is, that the outrages, sins, and abominations of 1876 in Bulgaria have been repeated in Armenia. If this is correct it is time that one general shout of execration, directed against such deeds of wickedness, should rise from outraged humanity and force itself to the ears of the Sultan and make him sensible if anything could make him sensible, of the madness of such a course.

If the reports are established it will more than ever stand before the world that there is no lesson, however severe, that could teach certain people of the necessity of observing, to some degree, the laws of decency, humanity and justice. If the allegations are true it will stand as if written in letters of iron on the records of the world that a government which could countenance and cover the perpetration of these outrages is a disgrace to Mohammed, whom the Turks profess to follow, a disgrace to civilization at large, and a curse to mankind.

This is strong language, and ought to be used only when the facts are known. However, we should keep our judgments in suspense until the truth is known. But, as the evidence grows and the case darkens, my hopes have dwindled, and as long as I have a voice I hope it will be raised upon such occasions in behalf of humanity."

At the conclusion of Mr. Gladstone's remarks many of his hearers were in tears. After a peal of bells had been rung from the belfry Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone drove to Hawarden Castle, to which place the deputation was soon afterward escorted by Mr. Gladstone's sons."—*Inter-Ocean.*

IMPERIAL PROCEEDINGS.

We are in receipt of the minutes of the Imperial Council, of its Twentieth Annual Session held at Denver, Colo., July 24-5, 1894. The make-up is creditable and artistic. The publishers have added a fine half-tone portrait of the Imperial Recorder, Noble B. W. Rowell, 330 of Boston, Mass. A portrait of the late Imperial Chief Rabban, Noble Frank Locke is published among the memoirs. These annals, like those of other fraternal bodies are invaluable to the member who desires to keep abreast of the work being carried on.

Shades of Ayesha, the prophet's wife, if here isn't another rival for feminine honors in the lists of *The Shrine*. From *The Signet* we gather that "The White Shrine" of Jerusalem is organized as a "higher" degree following the Eastern Star, and the prerequisite is good standing in that order. The Order has a Supreme Shrine with headquarters at Chicago. Bethlehem Shrine No. 1, meets on Jan. 31, in Masonic Temple. The fee is $5, which we understand will be increased to $10. If any are anxious to get in early and avoid the rush, write to Bro. C. D. Magee, 1467 Montana St., Chicago, Ill. Next!

A Knights Templar parade was passing, a gorgeous pageant in waving plumes and gilded lace. "Arrah!" says Bridget, "see the sojers!" "Git out," replied Pat, "they're not sojers—not wan of thim, thim's ginerals."—*Literary Light.*

CAMEL TRACKS.

The committee appointed by the Imperial Council to procure a jewel for Past Imperial Potentate Hudson, presented the same Dec. 19, at Pittsburg, Pa.

Lu Lu, Philadelphia, gives warning that one Albert B. Engle, claiming to be a noble, of that temple, is borrowing from Shriners and other Masons in Albuquerque N. M.—Keep the spanker loaded for him.

From a personal letter sent us by the Imperial Potentate we glean the information that Nantasket Beach, about one hour from Boston by boat, and thirty-five minutes by cars, has been settled on as the place of holding the Imperial Council. The official hotel headquarters will be announced later.

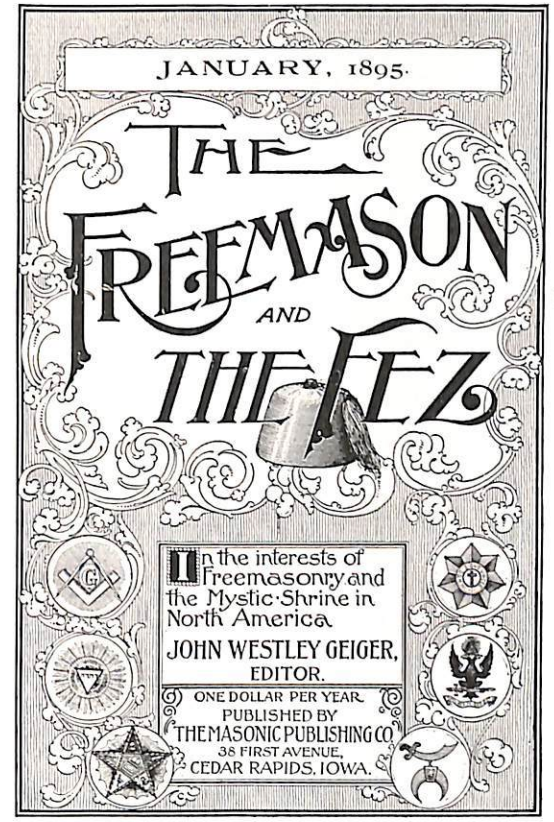
Kaaba Temple, Davenport, made a trip to Atlantic and there initiated over 50 candidates into the Mystic Shrine. The work was well done considering the new ritual had just been received. The banquet at the Park was a fine one. The Atlantic folks tried to make us all welcome and the mayor was honored (and he only) with the Pee Sau Shenee.

We are sorry to chronicle the information that Noble Frank Trimble, of Council Bluffs, has been found to be laboring under an attack of temporary insanity, so 'tis reported in the daily papers. Every Noble will change his feeling in regard to his unfortunate experience at Atlantic in the light of this aunouncement. Our pity is due him in misfortune.

Our Cyrus has held the place of Potentate in El-Kahir for nine years past, and now enters upon the tenth year of his reign. There are now nearly twelve hundred members in this temple, and we would enjoy the friendly contest, for publication, of who has installed the greatest number of nobles in their several temples. Until others come forth place the two above named at the head as the champions.

The Imperial Potentate is also the Potentate of his own Temple Syrian of Cincinnati, O. He has been in the office continuously for fourteen years and was re-elected at the last annual meeting of his temple, a compliment insisted upon by his nobles. He contests the claim of our Cyrus of El-Kahir, that he has initiated more candidates than any other Potentate.

Media, of Watertown, gives us notice of a lively time, Dec. 10. The following officers were elected: Ill. Potentate, D. G. Eggleston; Ill. Chief Raban, J. A. McConnel; Ill. Assistant Raban, Fred. W. Streeter; Ill. Oriental Guide, L. G. Chase; Ill. High Priest and Profit, E. C. Emerson; Ill. Recorder John S. Coon; Ill. Treasurer, R. H. Huntington; Representatives to Imperial Council, Fred. W. Streeter and D. G. Eggleston.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